

## ARS 2018 ARS European Convention Registration starts September 1st

All arrangements have been made for the ARS 2018 Convention in Bremen and its tour options in Holland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Finland and posted at <http://ars2018.org>. The pricing is posted at <http://ars2018.org/packages.php> and in the chart below. The tour descriptions are posted at <http://ars2018.org/gardens.php>. The speakers are posted at <http://ars2018.org/gardens.php>.

### Registration begins September 1st at 12:01 am EDT (4:01 AM GMT)

Registration for ARS-members only will begin on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and extend until Nov. 15th. The registration form will be made available on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:01 am EDT (4:01 AM GMT) at <http://ars2018.org/registration.php>. The registration form can be filled out on line and emailed to the registrars; or printed, filled out, and mailed or FAXed to the registrars. If you are unable to print the form, a local print shop should be able to help you. The form will also be in the Fall Journal of the ARS. However, that won't be available until around October sometime. Upon registering you will receive an acknowledgement of your reservation and the expected billing in Euros which you can also figure out for yourself from the chart below.

### Tours may be cancelled if a minimum is not met or may become full if the maximum is exceeded.

The actual billing will be delayed until we know for sure we have met the minimum number on each tour and you will be notified if we have exceeded the maximum for any tour you have selected. We will wait-list any tour that fills up in case new hotel rooms and bus space is found. We will let you know if there is a gap, that is if a tour is full after your first tour and the convention where you would have to make different plans. In that case, you will have the option to change your reservation. Once you receive your bill, we expect payment within 30 days, but no later than Nov. 15 for early bird (ARS-members only) registration.

### All registration will be handled by the North American Registrars.

All registration is being handled by the North American registrars for both North America and Europe and anywhere else in the world. All fees will be charged into Euros. However, we will have a secure online PayPal billing system that will bill the correct amount in your local currency to your credit card. For those unable to make payments online, we have an alternative where we will come up with an amount in your currency and you can mail a check or money order in your currency to the registrars and it will be converted into Euros and deposited into a convention bank account in Euros.

### Checks will be held until we are sure space is available

In case we need to make any refunds, we will hold checks and money orders until we are sure the space is available. We may get back to you, returning your check and asking for a lesser amount if some tours fill up. The convention should not fill up, but some tours may fill up. The minimum is between 40 and 45 for tours. The maximum is about 45 to 50 before we start wait-listing and try to open up more space. If a tour has met or is approaching its maximum, we will post this on the website and to the convention email list.

**Included:** The meals, activities, and lodging that are included with each tour are listed. Also, see options, gardens, speakers, and hotels for more information.

**One or two forms per room:** Basically registration is to first reserve a room and second to pick tours. Hence, each registration form should be for one person or two people sharing a room and hopefully the same tours. If the tours are different, they can still share a room but must register separately as "roommates." If two people want to share a room but pay separately, they must fill out two separate registration forms as "roommates."

**Couples:** Couples and people traveling together may use one form for both travelers.

**Roommates:** Roommates have the option of registering separately. Just be sure to let us know the name of your roommate.

**Singles:** Singles may reserve a single room and pay the higher per person fee.

**We will assist in finding roommates:** If you are willing to share a room, we will send you a list of names of other registrants willing to share.

**One Registration Form:** Once registration starts, the one page registration form suffices for all tours. It may be filled out on your computer and then either sent electronically to the registrar or printed and mailed or FAXed.

**Do Not Put Credit Card Number On Your Form!** It requests the name on your credit card, but not the number.

**Payment:** We will accept your registration and then inform you about the billing. We won't accept payment until we know enough people have signed up to make the tours possible. The interest is good, so that shouldn't be a problem. Then payment will be due by November 15th. After that date, remaining spaces will be opened up to non-ARS-members and could fill up quickly. After your registration is confirmed you will be notified about billing. Then your payment may be made by credit card either online or by check or money order in €(Euros), US\$ or CDN\$. A processing fee will be added for payments made by check.

**IBAN Discount:** Europeans with access to IBAN transfers can save over 5%. Add "IBAN" in the "Remarks" field. IBAN payments must be made to each ARS Chapter and the DRG for each tour you are taking. This avoids the expenses of currency conversion and bank transfers from the US.

**Cancellation Policy:** Get Travel Insurance! Refunds (less fees) will only be made if a replacement is found. The prices are rock bottom, so there is no money for refunds once your choices are paid for. We will gladly let someone else take your place.

**The pricing and what is included:**

The following is the pricing for the optional tours and Convention. Note: the 4 tours are optional, the Convention is not. If you book adjacent tours, there are no gaps. Rooms are priced per person for double occupancy and single occupancy. Registration is offered on a first come, first served basis. There is the possibility that we may get enough reservations to fill all available space. In that case, you will be notified and the possibility of wait-listing will be considered. To avoid problems, get your reservation in early.

The double pricing is based on double rooms with double occupancy. Pricing is per person

For people desiring single rooms with single occupancy, use the single price.

**The following chart is in Euros €.**

Payment will be in Euros € using a credit card, or in US or Canadian dollars using a check or money order.

Add all desired	<i>Dutch Pre-Tour 1</i>	<i>German Pre-Tour 2</i>	<i>Danish-Swedish Pre-Tour 3</i>	<i>Convention in Bremen</i>	<i>Finnish Post-Tour</i>
Dates	May 7-12	May 12-14	May13*-20	May 20-27	May 27-31
Cost in (Euros)	1,018 € double 1,325 € single†	292 € double 398 € single†	1,236* € double 1,730* € single†	1,855 € double 2,279 € single†	1,325 € double 1,547 € single†
Choice	Optional	Optional	Optional	Mandatory	Optional
Start	Amsterdam, Neth.	Bremen, Germany	Bremen, Germany	Bremen, Germany	Bremen, Germany
Included:	May 7, D,H May 8, B,G,L, D,H May 9, B,G,L,D,H May 10,B,G,L,D,H May 11,B,G,L,D,H May 12,B,G,L,	May 12, H May 13,B,G, H May 14,B,G,L,	May 13, H* May 14,B,G,L, H May 15,B,G,L,D,H May 16,B,G,L, H May 17,B,G,L, H May 18,B,G,L, H May 19,B,G,L, H May 20,B,G,L,	May 20 H May 21,B, D,H May 22,B,S,L,D,H May 23,B,G,L,D,H May 24,B,G,L,D,H May 25,B,S,L,D,H May 26,B,G,L,D,H May 27,B,	Train to Hamburg Plane to Helsinki  May 27, H May 28,B,G,L,D,H May 29,B,G,L,D,H May 30,B,G,L, H May 31,B,
End	Bremen, Germany	Bremen, Germany	Bremen, Germany	Bremen, Germany	Helsinki, Finland

\* Those on both the German Pre-Tour 2 and the Danish-Swedish Pre-Tour 3 will receive a 70 € credit per person double and a 140 € credit single for the night of May 13. The Danish-Swedish Pre-Tour 3 starts with an overnight in Bremen on the 13th before leaving for Denmark on the morning of the 14th with a stop at Hachmann's Nursery en route. The duplication of hotel and meals shown in the chart will not actually occur, instead there will be the credit.

† Double means per person double occupancy. Single means per person single occupancy.

†† If choices are not contiguous, you must arrange your own lodging the missing nights. If you would like travel agent assistance arranging additional lodging or booking your flight, indicate under remarks.